



January 18, 2018

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: **Ex parte filing** in WC Docket No. 16-271 – **Redacted data included**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 16, an *ex parte* meeting was conducted by Steve Merriam, Federal Advocate from Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (ASTAC) and the undersigned from GVNW Consulting, Inc. (GVNW) with the following individuals from the Wireline Competition Bureau: Alex Minard, Suzanne Yelen, and Jesse Jachman.

ASTAC provided a confidential update from its December 6, 2017 *ex parte* meetings on Alaska Plan broadband rate benchmark levels. This notice of the *ex parte* meeting includes the redacted version of the presentation.

As required by the Commission's rules, this *ex parte* record is now filed in the above referenced docket. If there are any questions, please call me on 503.612.4409.

Respectfully submitted,

Via ECFS 1/18/18

Jeffrey H. Smith
President and CEO

Enclosures – redacted material included with *ex parte*

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